

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Subodh K. Raniwala	)	
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Application No. 10/606,439	)	Examiner Niki Marina Eloshway
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Confirmation No. 2930	)	Art Unit 3781
	)	
Filed June 26, 2003	)	
	)	
For: Hot Fill Container and Closure and Associated Method	)	

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Mail Stop RCE  
 Commissioner For Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a Reply to the Office Action mailed November 29, 2007. The original period of response to the Office Action is a shortened statutory period of three (3) months from the mailing date. A petition for a one (1) month extension of time has been filed herewith. Additionally, March 29, 2008 falls on a Saturday. Accordingly, the time period for response is March 31, 2008, and this Reply is submitted within that time limit. Additionally, a Request for Continued Examination has been filed herewith. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in the present Application in view of the Amendments and Remarks below.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.